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1. I WAS IN TOUCH WITH KING SHORTLY AFTER HE RETURNED FROM AQABA. HE CONFIRMED MY UNDERSTANDING WITH RIFAI PROVIDED REFTEL (D). WE DISCUSSED THE COMMUNICATIONS MIX UP. KING INSISTED THAT HE TRIED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL US CONTRACTS OUT AT END OF MONTH. AS FOR TECHNICIAN QUESTION, KING SAID THAT HE TOLD SAUDIS NO MORE JORDANIAN TECHNICIANS WERE BEING SENT TO US FOR TRAINING WHILE THOSE IN US WOULD FINISH THEIR COURSES AND THEN COME HOME AFTER US TIME LIMIT RAN ITS COURSE.

2. CROWN PRINCE'S OFFICE INFORMED US THAT HASSAN IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO AMMAN TOMORROW WHICH IS SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN EXPECTED. I ASKED KING ABOUT THIS. HE SAID HE HAS NO NEWS FROM HASSAN. PLANE CREW WHICH RETURNED HIM FROM AQABA TOLD HIM THEY ARE PLANNING TO FLY TO SAUDI ARABIA TOMORROW BUT POSSIBLY ONLE TO MOVE CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY TO TAIF. KING SAYS HE WILL CHECK AND LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW ON CROWN PRINCE. PICKERING

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